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Story of Freighter Northholm Sinking

DESTROYER WAS SUNK

United States Flying Fortress Is Believed to Have Scored Victory Off New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 31 (CP)—A Japanese convoy of four fast destroyers speeding through fog in a new attempt to reinforce enemy garrisons in New Guinea apparently was blocked Tuesday by a single flying Fortress which is believed to have sunk one of the vessels. The fortress scored a direct hit on the stern of the largest destroyer. The convoy was reported to have turned tail and made off northward at high speed.

The incident is believed to have prevented the landing of the reinforcements.

New Cannery Going Ahead

Foundation work has been completed for the new salmon and herring cannery being established at Port Edward by Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. Lumber for the buildings is being brought from an old sawmill on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The intention is to have the cannery in operation this season.

LOG SCALE IS HIGHER

Production for This Year Shows Healthy Increase Over Last Year

Log scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district for this year to the end of March totals 16,562,636 board feet as compared with 12,625,002 board feet in the first three months of 1942. The scale this March was 6,860,777 board feet compared with 8,102,403 board feet in the same month of 1942.

The scale this March per species was as follows.:

	Board Feet
Fir	28,902
Cedar	1,371,418
Spruce	4,341,697
Hemlock	605,504
Balsam	73,601
Jackpine	404,626
Miscellaneous	35,029
Total	6,860,777

Forest Products

The scale of poles and piling for this March totals 60,468 lineal feet compared with 266,102 lineal feet in the same month last year. Of the total this March 49,830 lineal feet was cedar with 5,356 feet hemlock and 5,282 miscellaneous.

The tiecount is up to 7,594 pieces this March compared with 2,093 pieces in the same month last year.

Cordwood this March amounted to 391 cords as against 1,059 cords a year ago.

Col. S. D. Johnston M.C., V.D., who has been overseas, is expected back in the city tomorrow night. Mrs. Johnston left yesterday for the interior to meet him.

Orme Stuart Is Given Command

Lieut. Orme Stuart, who has been on active service with the navy since the beginning of the war, has now been placed in command of a corvette operating in convoy on the Atlantic Ocean, according to word which has been received here.

Both City Revenue and Expenditure Placed at Higher Figure in 1943

City expenditure for 1943 is estimated at $506,493.25 as compared with actual expenditure of $456,048.28 in 1942 while revenue from sources other than taxation this year is estimated at $329,408 as against actual revenue of $298,474.93 in 1942. The balance of $77,085.25 between expenditure and revenue is to be raised by taxation by imposing a rate of fifty mills on 100 percent of the land and fifty percent of improvements.

The following detailed estimate of revenue and expenditure for 1943 together with statement of actual expenditures for last year have been placed before the city council by the finance committee:

RECEIPTS

1942 Actual		1943 Estimated
$ 10,685.00	Trade Licenses	$ 11,000.00
15,502.00	Police Taxes	15,500.00
21,093.97	School Grants	22,840.00
100.00	School Miscellaneous	100.00
6,270.07	Motor Licenses	6,000.00
5,461.67	Unemployable Relief	5,500.00
5,352.53	Radio Phone Commission	6,000.00
51,241.27	Telephone	54,000.00
65,269.96	Water	66,000.00
11,101.57	Rentals—Rev. Property	10,500.00
772.95	Bank Interest	800.00
3,000.00	Sundry Receipts	3,000.00
229.66	Better Housing Administration	250.00
618.00	Dog Tax	618.00
6,567.36	Poll Tax	9,000.00
176.83	Building Permits	200.00
224.19	Wiring Permits	250.00
1,142.50	Burial Permits	1,250.00
9,568.50	Scavenging	10,000.00
25,500.00	Land Sales	25,000.00
20,514.49	Arrears of Taxes	25,000.00
381.17	Tax Penalties and Interest	1,000.00
15,111.01	Local Improvement Taxes—Current	17,000.00
10,481.20	Local Improvement Taxes—Arrears	13,000.00
578.53	Interest on Agreements—Land Sales	600.00
759.25	Phone Installations	500.00
771.25	Water Permits and Connections	500.00
	Wartime Housing	10,000.00
10,000.00	Sundry Debtors	10,000.00
	D. N. D. Leases	4,000.00
$298,474.93		$329,408.00

EXPENDITURES

1942 Actual		1943 Estimated
$ 31,854.28	General Administration	$ 34,000.00
45,104.59	Telephone	45,523.25
15,680.34	Fire Department	29,684.00
774.00	Donations and Grants	700.00
18,448.18	Hospitals and Social Services	20,000.00
25,803.74	Administration of Justice	30,000.00
36,600.34	Public Works Department	46,250.00
25,209.52	Health and Sanitation	27,850.00
44,509.93	Water Department	45,510.81
10,015.95	Street Lighting	10,115.95
712.49	Pound Keeper	800.00
901.74	Maintenance City Buildings	1,000.00
3,143.07	Public Library Board	3,100.00
501.39	Public Reading Room	500.00
400.00	Collections of Rents	400.00
3,601.59	Indigent Home	4,000.00
6,010.43	City's Share of Local Improvement Taxes	6,010.43
1,200.00	Interest on Prepaid Taxes	1,200.00
	Repairs to Reservoir	4,500.00
	Taxes on National Defence Leases	2,024.25
	Utility Reserves	1,200.00
90,632.88	School Estimates	95,972.97
	Iron Fireman (School)	900.00
48,606.45	Debenture Interest	48,757.74
41,003.30	Sinking Fund	41,023.69
5,334.07	United States Exchange	5,334.07
	Contingencies	136.09
$456,048.28		$506,493.25

STRIKE IN SHIPYARD

Plant in Vancouver Has Dispute Over Closed Shop and Union Dues

VANCOUVER, March 31 (CP) — Charges that Northvan Ship Repairs Limited violated the closed shop agreement with the Boilermakers' and Ironshipbuilders' Union resulted in some five thousand workers going out on strike at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The workers were still out late Tuesday night and there were no indications of plans to mediate the dispute over union dues.

The Canadian-Congress of Labor is not supporting the strike, it is announced.

OFFENSIVE ON FRANCE

Royal Air Force Planes Are Active In Daylight Over Enemy Targets

LONDON, March 31 (CP)—British fighters swept over occupied France in an offensive patrol today after a night's lull in the air battle against the Axis.

Mosquitoes carried the greatest share of the Royal Air Force's daylight activities yesterday, strafing railroad targets in Britanny and attacking radio works at Eindhoven in Holland. No British planes were lost.

Don Stewart, oil construction engineer, returned to the city this morning from a trip to Vancouver.

MECHANICAL MONSTER

Here is a closeup of "The Priest," being gassed up in the desert during the pursuit of the defeated German Afrika Corps. Officially known as the M-5, "The Priest" is actually a M-3 tank, mounting a 105 mm. gun-howitzer. It made short work of famed German 88 mm. anti-tank guns.

BRITISH WINNING

Important Points in Tunisia Taken By Both Eighth and First Armies as Rommel Retreats

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 31 (CP)—The British Eighth Army had captured Oudref, twelve miles north of Gabes and directly in the Gabes gap, and the British First Army in the north has taken Sedjenane, an Allied communique announced today.

The Eighth Army also took Metouia, eight miles north of Gabes, while American forces, battering their way eastward into Marshal Erwin Rommel's flank from Gafsa, continued their advance through minefields.

DIES AT VICTORIA

Mrs. H. A. Whillans, Who Resided For Years at Stewart, Passes Away

Mrs. Mary B. Whillans, well known Victoria newspaperwoman and widow of Dr. H. A. Whillans, formerly practising medicine at Stewart and Hazelton, died recently in Victoria. Deceased herself was also well known in the north, having resided for years at Stewart while her husband was in practice there. The funeral took place in Victoria with cremation

The late Mrs Whillans died following an operation. She had been an invalid since last November when she fell and fractured her spine

A daughter of Mrs. Whillans resides at Fort St. John in the Peace River district. She is Mrs. Ray W. (Frances) Sandy. There are also two grandchildren.

Stanley Cup Finals Now

DETROIT, March 31 (CP)—Boston Bruins and Detroit Red Wings will meet here tomorrow night in the first game of the finals for the Stanley Cup, emblematic of world's professional hockey championship.

Overtime play marked the deciding games of the semi-finals last night and both were thrillers. Boston defeated Montreal Canadiens five to four and Detroit won over Toronto Maple Leafs three to two.

STREET CAR STRIKE OFF

Special Federal Commissioner Arrives in Montreal to Swiftly Settle Dispute

MONTREAL, March 31 (CP)—Dr. H. Carl Goldenberg, who has been appointed special commissioner under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, moved swiftly for a meeting between executives of the Montreal Tramways Company and officers of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees who touched off a walk-out Sunday night by calling for a strike vote from members. Soon ensued a settlement of the strike of the Montreal tramway employees which had tied up transportation for sixty hours. Street cars returned to Montreal streets this morning.

The Brotherhood wants recognition as the bargaining agency but the company claimed that workers were already represented under the terms of old contracts. The drivers had refused to return to work pending negotiations.

May Be Complications

In spite of the announced settlement, El Phege Beaudoin, president of the International Union of Tramways Employees, and American Federation of Labor affiliate, said "if it is confirmed the tramway strike has been settled in favor of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, a general strike of all American Federation of Labor unions may be called in the city of Montreal.

The Brotherhood is an affiliate of the Canadian Congress of Labor.

Relatives Declare In Inquiry That the Vessel Was Much Overloaded

Members of Crew Expressed Fears of Sinking — One Letter Written From Prince Rupert

VANCOUVER, March 31 (CP) — Relatives of men lost when the Frank Waterhouse freighter Northholm foundered off Vancouver Island January 16 told a court of inquiry how sons and brothers reported the freighter overloaded.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Surjick told how their sons, Nick and Henry, both of whom were lost in the sinking, expressed fear that the ship was not safe and that, if caught in a storm, would sink fast. The father said that both sons told him the ship was many times overloaded.

Miss Olga Gee told of a letter from her brother, Arthur Gee, also lost in the wreck, written from Prince Rupert on the outgoing trip January 11. She said that the letter said the ship is "just a mere 150 tons overloaded."

The inquiry is continuing.

Roosevelt and Stalin Parley

WASHINGTON, D.C, March 31 — President Franklin D. Roosevelt hinted that he might have a conference soon with Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia He did not elaborate on his statement regarding the possibility of a United States-Russian conference along lines similar to those recently held here by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain.

NO CHANGE IN RUSSIA

Spreading Spring Thaw Has Brought Still Worse Weather Conditions

MOSCOW, March 31 (CP) — A spreading spring thaw brought still worse weather conditions to the long Russian front today and a Soviet noon communique opened again with the monotonous keynote: "No essential changes occurred on the fronts."

BURIED ON MONDAY

The funeral of the late Philip Davis, who died at the end of last week, took place Monday afternoon from the Grenville Court Chapel of B.C. Undertakers to Fairview Cemetery. Rev. C. A. Wright, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated.

Lieut. George Dybhavn arrived home this morning from the East for a week's visit on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dybhavn. His father, John Dybhavn, had left Monday night with the intention of visiting Vancouver on business but became unwell on the way and also returned today after going no further than Ocean Falls.

IS KILLED INSTANTLY

Louis Johansen, Head Electrician At Premier Mine, Crushed to Death

Louis Johansen, popular pioneer employee of the Premier mine where he was head electrician, having been in the service of the company for twenty years, was fatally injured in an accident in the mine last week. He was badly crushed between an underground train and the mine wall, death being instantaneous.

Mr. Johansen was a Scandinavian by birth and was single.

The funeral took place at Stewart.

Enemy Aircraft Over Southwest

Few Casualties During Night When That Part of England Was Attacked

LONDON, March 31—Enemy aircraft were over southwest England during the night and there were a few casualties, it was announced.

Raymond Auriol's Funeral Is Held

Many Attended Final Rites Yesterday Afternoon for Well Known Railway Employee

Many friends attended at the Grenville Court chapel of the B. C. Undertakers yesterday afternoon for the funeral service of the late Raymond Auriol, for years track patrolman for the Canadian National Railways along the lower Skeena River. Rev. Father W. F. Lantagne, parish priest of the Church of the Annunciation, officiated. Following the service, interment was made in Fairview Cemetery.

Principal mourners, besides the widow, included two sisters— Mrs. Lucy Simpson of Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Clare Berg of Vancouver —and Armand Auriol, brother. Another brother, Gilbert, who is engaged in fishing, could not be contacted. There is also a son, Georges, and a daughter, Raymonde, in Cannes, France.

Pallbearers were G. E. Phillipson, Patrick Dateman, James Gilbert, William Walsh and Victor Thompson and B. Blackhall.

WAR NEWS

RETREATING TO SFAX

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces, in full retreat before the Allied drive in Tunisia following the fall of the Mareth Line, appear to be making a headlong dash for the port of Sfax to the north of Gabes. The British Navy is reported to be in waiting outside of Sfax. Meanwhile the Afrika Korps is fighting a rearguard delaying action, laying mines as it goes. An unrelenting air pounding is still being given the retreating enemy which is abandoning large quantities of equipment in its flight.

PREPARING FOR INVASION?

LONDON — The British government is placing further restrictions on civilian movements in a defence zone of ten miles depth for one hundred miles and more along the east coast of England. This is taken to be for the purpose of further establishing the springboard for the expected early invasion of the continent.

WAR IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW—The Germans are engaged in another furious assault with infantry and tanks along the Donets River but are being held back by the Russians. The Red Army, moving slowly towards Smolensk, has taken another populated place.